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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **U.S. Coast Guard Provides Basic Maritime Law Enforcement Officer Training for Mauritian National Coast Guard**

Four instructors from the U.S. Coast Guard conducted a week-long training on "Basic Boarding Officer Course" from August 31 to September 4, 2009 at the Maritime Training Establishment, Le Chaland.

The United States Coast Guard Mobile Training Team provided training to 24 participants from the National Coast Guard (NCG) on international law, boarding preparation and procedures and practical law enforcement techniques. The goal of the training is to prepare law enforcement officers to safely and effectively carry out dynamic maritime operations.

Additionally the training fosters international relations amongst partner nations against the common threats of narcotics, terrorism, human trafficking, and economic resource exploitation.

The U.S. Embassy organized the training seminar as part of its International Military Education Training Program (IMET). The IMET Program, funded by the United States Government and administered by the Department of State, was established in Mauritius in 1997. The U.S. Government has awarded grants of 4.8 million rupees for military training to the Government of Mauritius this year through IMET program.